

A pair of area business are spearheading the effort to supply children with toys this Christmas.

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A Press-Record/Journal editorial discusses the need to consolidate area school districts.

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## Costello ready to fight next round of closings

By Scott Cousins  
Staff writer

U.S. Rep. Jerry Costello, D-Belleville, said he plans to oppose any new military base closings before 2001.

On Monday, the National Defense Panel, a group appointed by Congress to assess the Defense Department's Quadrennial Defense Review and address the future defense and security needs of the U.S., released a report that, in part, called for speeding up a new round of base closings.

The report called for a "comprehensive reshaping of the skills and capabilities of our armed forces" and urged those changes begin "immediately."

It said both the procurement process and infrastructure were vital against the Soviet threat, but "require thorough overhaul and reduction to be useful now

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that the Cold War is history.

After the last round in 1995, the Base Realignment and Closure Commission suggested that no new closings be considered until 2001. "There is no question that we will face another round of base closings, either in 2001 or before," Costello said.

He said avoiding base closures in the future will take "strong leadership."

While Scott Air Force Base in Belleville was spared from serious consideration in that last round, the U.S. Army's Charles Melvin Price Support Center in Granite City was slated for closure and saved only after local supporters — Costello among them — were able to convince the

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## Christmas comes early to area school districts

### Administrators plan how to use extra money

By Scott Cousins  
Staff writer

On Tuesday, the Illinois House passed a controversial plan to fund the state's schools by a vote of 83-31.

In the Tri-City area, the biggest winners in the school funding battle will be Madison and Granite City.

Under the plan the Granite City School District would receive an additional \$2.6 million, while Madison is set to receive \$890,394 more.

Venice would receive a \$4,578 increase, while the Brooklyn School District would receive no additional funds.

The bill will increase the average level of per pupil

spending in the state to \$4,225 for the 1998-1999 school year, and raise it to \$4,445 by the 2000-01 academic year. It also includes a \$250 million poverty grant, which would be doled out to the state's poorest schools.

"It certainly is the best Christmas present I'll get this year," said Madison Superintendent Gary Allison.

Madison's state funding will increase to \$5,045,909. The district's total expenditures are about \$7 million.

Allison said he expects much of the increase would go toward providing more services at the primary grade levels.

He said adding kindergarten and first grade classes to

## THE WINNERS

The following Madison County school districts will receive increased funding from the state.

School District	1997-98	1998-99
Collinsville No. 10	\$10,708,935	\$12,801,487
Edwardsville No. 7	\$ 7,842,673	\$10,212,259
Granite City No. 9	\$16,498,724	\$19,107,003
Triad No. 2	\$ 6,664,274	\$ 9,042,007

decrease class size is one option, along with social workers and programs for parents.

The district has been targeting improvements at the lower grades and providing pro-

grams parents of preschool children.

"It's so exciting that we can look at how to improve services," he said.

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## Madison reaps from UE mistake

A "very stupid accounting error" by a utility company has resulted in a \$15,000 windfall for the city of Madison.

Union Electric recently paid the city \$15,955.84 for the 5 percent utility tax it failed to collect on a business in the southern part of the city.

Mayor John Hamm said he had been looking into the error since he was elected in April.

At Tuesday's City Council meeting, UE representative Bill Hutchings told the council that since 1994 the company had been miscalculating the amount of utility tax being paid by the Gateway Midstate Truck Plaza by about \$475 per month.

"That was a very stupid accounting error on the part of UE," Hutchings said. "I really apologize for the inconvenience."

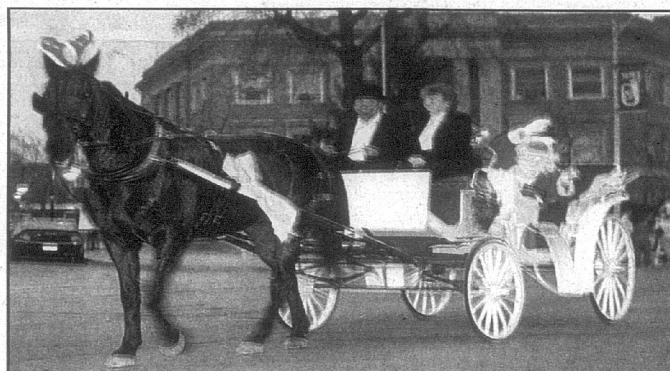
Originally, city officials estimated about \$40,000 was owed, but Hutchings said records going back to when the property was annexed in the mid-1980s showed that the full tax had been paid up to 1994, when for some reason the accounting error was made.

After Hutchings gave his presentation, Alderman Norris Horton asked about the coming deregulation of the utility industry.

Hutchings said UE officials were "just thrilled about it" and said it would probably mean savings for customers by the time it is fully implemented in 2002.

However, he said that like the deregulation of the tele-

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Staff photos by JOHN FRESE

Santa and Mrs. Claus wave to the children as they are carried down Niedringhaus Avenue to Santa's Cabin during last Friday's Holiday Avenue Parade. It was the first-ever such parade held in Granite City. Santa's House is located on Niedringhaus Avenue at 20th Street. Area businesses have joined Santa in lighting up the downtown area this year. At right, Julia Garland, 5, watches Santa's arrival from a perch atop her father Mike Garland's shoulders. For more pictures, see People, Page 5A.

## City celebrates on Santa's Holiday Avenue

By Scott Kelly  
Staff writer

Santa Claus arrived in Granite City Friday with much fanfare.

In preparation for his big day later this month, Santa set up shop in the Santa House on Niedringhaus Avenue.

A parade celebrating Christmas in downtown Granite City brought the jolly

fellow down Santa's Holiday Avenue, a new creation this year brought about by numerous business owners, city officials and interested parties.

Judy Whitaker, Granite City city clerk and chairman for Santa's Holiday Avenue, said the parade and activities went well.

"People were very excited, (which) made our hard work well worth it," she said. "We never had this type of lighting

in Granite City before."

The Niedringhaus park and numerous businesses are well-lit with lights, decorations and holiday joy.

As people watched the parade, some were glad to see the downtown area was alive and well, and were glad to see it hadn't died, she said.

The parade and Santa visit went so well the committee already has people in line

for next year. The committee is working for projects to keep Santa House operating year to year.

She said on the committee, Roberta Barham, co-chair, was her "right arm," while her "left arm" was Brad Evenson, who worked on the lighting.

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## Faces

### Nora C. Corzilius

Nora Conner Corzilius of Granite City has been given the Valiant Woman Award by the National Office of Church Women United.

Her name will be entered permanently in the Church Women United ledger. She is a member of First Presbyterian Church in Granite City. Longtime involved in various community causes, she has been a CWU member for the past 20 years and has served as the group's president.

For more on Corzilius, see page 2A.



## New plant could be first of many new businesses

Editor's note: This is the third and final in a series examining how a major business comes to the city.

By Scott Kelly  
Staff writer

Having succeeded in securing land and space to service the new business by rail, Granite City proceeded with bringing Midwest Metal Coating to the city.

R C Bush, executive vice president of the Tri-Cities Area Chamber of Commerce; Dan Brown, director of economic development for Granite City; and Joe Darling, project man-

"I think they saw a good deal there."

Dan Brown  
economic director

ager for Midwest Metal Coating; explained at Nov. 19 Rotary Action Prayer Breakfast the intricate steps involved in bringing in a new, major business.

While helping to bring the new, major industry to Granite City, area leaders came to

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## NEWS IN REVIEW

Editor's note: News in Review provides a summary of some of the past week's stories. This column is intended for out-of-town readers who do not receive the Sunday and Wednesday Press-Record-Journals.

## City to acquire aerial ladder

Reaching any floor during a fire will be no problem for the Granite City Fire Department in the future.

A new, 100-foot aerial ladder truck — at cost of \$477,673 — will replace the old truck sidelined for the past year.

KME Fire Apparatus will supply the truck. Their bid was actually the lowest bid, despite reports last week in a Missouri daily newspaper that claimed the KME bid was not the lowest.

The Granite City City Council last week approved the purchase at the behest of Fire Chief Keith Teller.

The department will take delivery within roughly nine months, he said, the maximum allowable time for the contract to deliver the truck to be signed.

## Evidence builds in swindle case

More charges have been filed against an alleged swindler who reportedly cheated residents across the Metro East out of their personal savings.

Granite City police filed felony charges against Neal Burgard last week, as he was about to post bond on related charges. Granite police were acting on information filed by a local man identified by police as "John Doe."

Burgard, who police allege swindled elderly residents in Madison and St. Clair counties out of nearly \$500,000 in the last five years, remained in the Madison County Jail his week. Burgard, who had operated a legitimate insurance business, allegedly lost the victims' money, which was to have been invested for the clients, playing baccarat on riverboat casinos.

Other cases are pending. Among those is a 78-year-old Belleville woman who lost \$130,000 over a five-year period and a Mascoutah family that was swindled out of \$90,000.

## Pontoon offices may have new home

Pontoon Beach is apparently moving forward with plans to convert a former bar/restaurant into a new city hall and police station.

At Tuesday's Board meeting Mayor Glen Wilson sought approval for \$350 to hire an architect to develop a preliminary plan for the project.

Wilson said he has been negotiating the sale of the former Shooters 270 at Chouteau Trace Parkway.

The board voted 3-3, with Wilson breaking the tie. Voting in favor were Trustees Lou Whitsett, Bob Abel and Bob Vincent. Voting against the measure were Trustees Randy Presswood, Gus Falter and Irene Karlechik.

## MCT takes over routes from Bi-State

Except for a few minor problems, Madison County Transit District officials said the transfer of routes from Bi-State Development Agency has gone "relatively smoothly."

On Dec. 1, MCT's Agency for Community Transit took over most of the local bus service from the Bi-State Development Agency. Additional changes in the Edwardsville area will occur when the Edwardsville Transfer Center at the intersection of Main and Hillsboro is completed sometime next year.

MCT service increased to 43 buses — mostly new 39-passenger — from 23.

## Local killed in repair accident

Marshall Coleman, 25, of 1314 Granite in Granite City was killed when he was struck by a fan from a motor vehicle Nov. 21.

According to police reports, Coleman was killed while working on the car with his cousin, Jesse Gipson of Granite City, when the accident happened.

Coleman was rewiring the motor by the carburetor linkage when a piece of the fan blade broke loose and struck him in the head.

When paramedics arrived and examined him, Coleman showed no signs of life.

Coroner Bob Lewis took over the scene and had Coleman transported to Anderson Hospital.

## Bases

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Commission that the cost and savings of closing the base were incorrectly estimated.

Part of that was convincing the Commission that most of the Center's operations were not tied directly to the Aviation and Troop Command, which was moved from St. Louis to Alabama.

At Scott, Costello said the addition of the second runway and joint use with MidAmerica Airport and the transfer of the Air National Guard's 126th Air Refueling Wing from Chicago will help maintain the base.

The transfer will bring 9-12 KC-135 Stratotankers, 300 full-time and 1300 part-time jobs to the base.

## 2 charged in home invasion case

By Scott Cousins  
Staff writer

Two St. Louis men were charged with home invasion after allegedly threatening two Granite City residents over a debt Tuesday.

According to information provided by the Madison County Sheriff's Department, Michael L. Mills, 38, of the 800 block of Oriole, and Richelle R. Walls, 43, of the 8500 block of North Broadway, both in St. Louis, were charged Wednesday with one count of home invasion, a Class X felony, at both locations.

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Both are in custody at the Madison County Jail, with bond set at \$250,000 each.

According to Sheriff's Department officials, at about 10 p.m. Tuesday, the department received a report of a home invasion in the 2600 block of Nancy Street, Granite City.

The two suspects allegedly entered the

residents and threatened the two residents with a handgun. The suspects — who were known by the alleged victims — were apparently attempting to collect a debt they claimed was owed by the owner of the property.

Mills was taken into custody at the scene, while Walls was arrested a short time later by a Granite City police officer in the area of Pontoon Road and Missouri Avenue.

Both were held until formal charges were filed Wednesday.

Nobody was injured in the incident.

## Area businesses will collect toys for children

Two area businesses are sponsoring toy drives for Christmas.

Don's Hardware, 1839 Delmar Ave., and Northwest Financial in Nameoki Village are helping to bring toys to children. Collections are set up at both locations.

The toy drive has been a

Don's Hardware tradition since 1990. The collection runs until Dec. 20. Fewer and fewer toys can be dropped off, or people can call 451-7532 to arrange for a pickup.

Don's will also be giving away a \$50 cash prize for those who donate toys. The drawing will be on Dec. 22.

Also, Northwest Financial is nationally sponsoring the 1997 Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots campaign.

Bring a new, unwrapped toy to participating Northwest Financial office before Dec. 19. Toys are needed for children of all ages, infant through teenager.

Toys collected will be given to the local Marine Corps Reserve for distribution in the community.

(Editor's note: The Journal will profile Don's Hardware's toy drive in the Dec. 7 paper.)

## Church Women United honors local nationally

Nora Conner Corzilius of Granite City has been given the Valiant Woman Award by the National Office of Church Women United.

Longtime involved in various community causes, she has been a CWU member for the past 20 years and has served as the group's president.

She was a Girl Scouts leader for several years. Corzilius has been involved in political causes such as Common Cause and the American Civil Liberties

Union.

She and her family — husband William Corzilius and three daughters — joined Nameoki United Presbyterian Church where she was a volunteer secretary for 15 years.

She was an elder or deacon continuously during that period, and administered the church food bank and many other programs.

She was instrumental in forming Project Hope for families affected by a recession in

the steel industry.

In Church Women United, she sat on the state board as chairperson of the Farm Worker Ministry and currently chairs the Community Service Committee.

At the local level she has organized the fund-raiser Music, Music for several years and was the catalyst for forming the Church Women United Choir, which performs at CWU events and two local nursing homes.

As a member of First Presbyterian Church in Granite City, she is a member of the Session, chairperson of Missions, program chair for Navigator and has helped with Bible school.

Her latest project is spearheading an effort to coordinate the various churches and agencies in Granite City providing service to the homeless to eliminate redundancy and ensure accessibility seven days a week.

## Seniors attend rally

A group of 43 seniors from the metro area were part of a huge crowd of more than 1,200 Illinoisans from all walks of life who converged on Springfield in late October to ask state lawmakers to protect the rights of patients enrolled in HMOs and other managed care plans.

The rally in support of HB 626, the Illinois managed care patient bill of rights, was organized by AARP and co-sponsored by more than 53 other organizations. Participants and capital observers alike agreed the gathering was one of the largest such events ever held under the Statehouse dome.

"With more than 4 million Illinoisans now enrolled in HMOs or other kinds of managed care, it's obvious this fast-growing field needs to be regulated," said Louis Lenz of Cahokia. "We went to Springfield to tell our elected officials that quality health care should never take a back seat to an insurance company's bottom line."

After the massive rally, Lenz, along with Ruth Heusser of Fairview Heights and other participants, from across the state went, to their state senators' and representatives' Springfield offices to deliver that message in person.

House Bill 626 is sponsored by Rep. Mary Flowers, D-Chicago, and Sen. Dan Cronin, R-Eldmhurst.

The bill would:

- Prohibit "gag rules" that ban physicians from telling patients about more expensive treatments or treatments not covered by insurance.
- Ban financial incentives that encourage health providers to under treat their patients.

Provide patient protections and appeal procedures when insurers deny care.

Require annual satisfaction surveys of all HMO plans.

Give consumers a voice on the state's managed care advisory committees.

## Madison

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phone industry, you might well be getting three bills."

In an unrelated matter, Building Inspector George Hlava said several owners of buildings the city is attempting

## BAC offers different kind of holiday party

Belleville Area College is throwing an unusual holiday party this year. At these festivities, a greedy villain buys up the town, fires everyone from their jobs, then gets bumped off. After the guests are finished in the buffet line, they get to solve the crime.

This is how the foul play will unfold at the Holiday Mystery Dinner Theatre at 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 12, in the Belleville Campus cafeteria, 2500 Carlyle Ave.

The show, produced by Upstage Productions, is an interactive murder mystery. The show focuses on a

town from an evil banker who has taken over the town industry and fired everyone. When the villain drops dead at the company holiday party, the audience must help the heroes solve the murder.

Appetizers, a Caesar salad, a buffet dinner and dessert will be served throughout the performance.

The production is presented by the Office of College Activities and the College Activities Board.

Tickets for the dinner and show are \$16 for general admission and \$15 for students and senior citizens.

to demolish have offered to turn the property over to the city.

By offering the city quick-claim deeds to the lots, Hlava said the property owners can avoid any additional liability

for the property.

"It's probably one of the better ways to deal with it," he said.

In those cases, a title search would be completed before the city would actually take possession.

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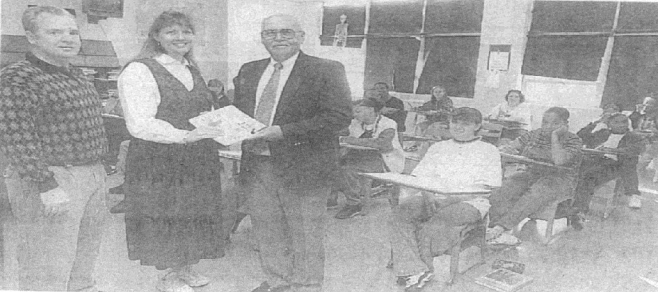
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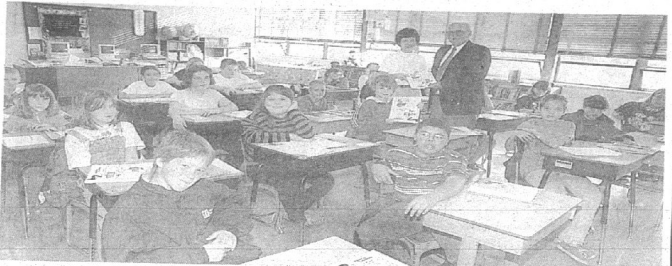
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## Powerful assistance



Madison High School eighth-grade teacher Bennie Boyer and principal Jill Schott thank Illinois Power Customer Relations Manager Jim DeVore for the academic planners his company donated to their school.



Roberta Lewis and her Marshall School fifth-grade class thank Illinois Power Customer Relations Manager Jim DeVore for his company's donation of a set of class planners.

## Schools

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He also said the district is looking at some kind of community outreach center where students could get help studying or have access to computers and the Internet. "We will use it very wisely," he said of the increased funding.  
Officials with the Granite City School District could not be reached for comment Wednesday.  
In addition to increasing funding, the reform plan also:

- Establishes a new multi-tiered teacher certification process, effective July 1, 1998.
- Establishes programs for

alternative certification for both teachers and administrators to allow experienced professionals to bring their expertise to schools.

- Requires school boards to adopt policies that offer remedial help to discourage social promotion.
- Requires the State Board of Education to ensure that liability insurance is available for certified employees.

- Increases the time required to file a notice of intent to strike to 10 days from five.
- Permits schools to hire

registered nurses for nursing services in schools, if there are not teaching duties involved. Currently, school nurses must be certified.

- Requires schools to develop no pass-no play policies to prohibit high school students from participating in athletic or extracurricular activities until their grades improve.

- Allows school officials to deny an expelled or suspended student access to school grounds and all school activities during the suspension/expulsion.

- Allows the State Board of Education to overturn local board decisions of charter schools.

— Some information provided by reporter Mark Hodapp and The Telegraph

## SIUE singers to perform

"Il Mondo della Luna (The World on the Moon)" will be performed by a hand-picked group of Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville singers at 7:30 p.m. Thursday and Friday, Dec. 11-12, in the Communications Building Theater.

Tenor Ron Abraham, an

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associate professor of music and chairman of that department, is stage director, and Michael Mishra, an assistant

professor in that department, is musical director and conductor.

Tickets are \$5; students and senior citizens, \$3.

Tickets are available through SIUE's Fine Arts box office; call 692-2774.

## Plan controversial, but surprises few lawmakers

There was little surprise in the way most legislators voted on a controversial plan to fund the state's schools.

On Tuesday, the Illinois House passed a controversial plan to fund the state's schools by a vote of 83-31.

Most lawmakers stuck to their previous stance. The swaying votes came mostly from Chicago-area representatives, specifically members of the black caucus.

Fueled by new support from upstate lawmakers, the GOP proposal that would funnel \$485 million into the state's schools passed 83-31 after more than two hours of debate.

Gov. Jim Edgar had called the rare special session for the rare vote on the issue after it failed by only four votes during the fall veto session. The plan already passed the Senate and is expected to be signed into law by the governor in the next few days.

Many remained bitter that Edgar's first funding plan, which passed the House with bipartisan support in the spring, never was called for a vote in the Senate.

House Speaker Michael Madigan, D-Chicago, had pushed other Democrats to support the second bill even

though he said it does not provide property tax relief.

"I preferred the first bill myself. We had a great opportunity to fundamentally change the system of financing public education," Madigan said.

State Reps. Steve Davis, Tom Holbrook and Jay Hoffmann — all Democrats — voted against the bill. The only local Democratic representative voting in favor of the proposal was Wyvetter Young, D-East St. Louis.

Republicans Ron Stephens of Troy and Tom Ryder of Jerseyville also voted in favor of the bill.

Downstate Democrats complained the bill was based on unstable income sources and that it did not shift the burden of revenue from property taxes. So-called "sin taxes" including increased taxes on cigarettes, telephone calls, riverboat gambling and penalties on property taxes paid late will make up some of the additional revenue.

Even GOP legislators who supported the bill said it was flawed. One called it "second-best" but said it was the only one lawmakers could vote on. Davis called the bill a "short-sighted approach to a long-term problem."

"I still feel it was no way to fund education in Illinois," he said. "Unfortunately, we ended up with the lesser of the two plans. I wish we could have done more."

Hoffman was one of the bills most outspoken critics.

"Even the ones who changed their minds and voted for it got up on the floor and said this is not true education reform," he said. "We had a real opportunity to provide long-term education reform, but this bill has effectively taken the education debate off the table until 1998."

Hoffman said leadership on all sides, including the governor, missed a chance to develop meaningful reform.

"If they don't have the political wherewithal and the guts to do anything now, they won't have the guts to do it during an election year," he said.

In a statement after the vote, however, Stephens stood in sharp contrast to his fellow downstate legislators, fully supporting the measure.

"We've worked hard this year to keep our promise to put the children first when it comes to state spending in Illinois," he said. "I felt that we could achieve this goal, without raising the taxes."

## NEWS BRIEFS

### Granite City

**BREAKFAST WITH SANTA:** The annual Breakfast with Santa sponsored by the Granite City Junior Service Club will be from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Saturday in the Granite City Community Center. The public is welcome. Cost is \$3.50, which includes juice, coffee and donuts. Proceeds will go to purchase eyeglasses for needy children. Call Jeannie Wilbur, 876-3800 for more information.

**NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH:** The West End Neighborhood Watch will have a Christmas skating party from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Dec. 8 at Tri-City Skateway. Santa will be present with treats to hand out. Free admission coupons are available. Call Ed Szymanski, coordinator, at 452-4626 for more information.

### Metro East

**KOREAN WAR VETERANS:** The next meeting of the Korean War Veterans Association will be held 7 p.m. Dec. 8 at the VFW Post Home, 5325 N. Illinois St. in Fairview Heights. Anyone who served in the Korean War from 1945 to the present or anywhere during the Korean War era (June 1950 - January 1955) is eligible to join. Meetings are held on the second Monday of every month.

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## CAROL'S COMMENTS

### This puppy sick and tired of invasions

"Sick as a dog" and "one sick puppy" are not mere figures of speech, as anyone who has ever owned a dog can affirm.

I consider myself as something of an authority in the matter, having been given my first one before I was a year old and spending three-quarters of my life with at least one in residence.



Carol Clarkin

My recollection of our first sick dogs is somewhat fuzzy, because it occurred the year before I started school and it left an impression: Our two lovely English setters became ill with distemper, there was no vet in our small town, and they died in rapid succession.

The second I remember well, because it occurred the summer before I started fifth grade and was my first lesson in instinctive behavior in dogs when they are ill.

Dad has just brought home a gorgeous Irish setter pup, I developed what turned out to be a minor illness and crawled under our back porch, which was set fairly low to the ground.

Dad wasn't home, Mother couldn't get him out and I had to crawl on my belly under the porch to retrieve him.

Many years later, I had to repeat the operation as an adult, this time under the evergreens in front of the Montgomerie house on St. Louis Street to save our dog which had been hit by a car and seriously injured.

I've observed the behavior of yet another of our dogs who developed distemper and who, I'm proud to say, that with the help of a then-elderly Edwardsville vet, I managed to nurse back to good health. I kept him penned in the garage.

Otherwise, in canine fashion, he too would have crawled under something to die. It's instinctive. I have no idea whether the retreat is made to lick their wounds or simply to be left alone, but it's something I share with these animals.

I want to be away from people, I want to crawl into bed and stay there and, like Garbo, I want to be alone.

Thus, during my most recent bout of under-the-weatheriness, mid-morning on Saturday before Thanksgiving week, I suffered a mild case of distemper myself when someone

came tapping on my front door and I forced myself out of bed, into a robe, and answered the knock.

I'm sure that at worst I looked like death warmed-over; at best, like the victim of a major hangover.

There was a neatly dressed, smiling woman, somewhere in the vicinity of my own age, who asked, rather foolishly, "And how are you today?"

"Not good," I answered. "Then I guess you probably don't feel up to having me come in for a little chat? So, I'll just leave this little message for you to read when you feel better," and she proffered what I immediately recognized as a religious tract.

"No," I responded. Not even a "thanks but no thanks." And closed the door. And it's ranted ever since.

I mean no disrespect to religious belief, in general or particular. I'm quite willing to honor those of anyone.

But consider door-to-door missionary work as an invasion of my privacy and resent those who attempt it.

I'm sure the little lady is quite sincere in her own beliefs and confident that she's doing the right thing in trying to spread them for the good of others but I disagree with her, and strongly so.

I was reared to believe certain things to be rude. And certain things private. I'm amazed at people who ask what I paid for something. Rude. How I voted? MYOB. My government has guaranteed the secrecy of my ballot. I feel very much the same about my sex life and my religious beliefs. No one's business but my own.

And there are few people with whom I'd even consider discussing them.

As for nice little old ladies or neat young men peddling salvation to paraphrase an old pop song, "soul savers, stay away from my door!"



## EDITORIAL

### Combining districts could change trend

The report cards are in and things don't look so good.

With the publishing of the Illinois Goals Assessment Program test scores, the Brooklyn, Venice and Madison school districts have the distinction of being among the worst scoring districts in the state.

While media attention focuses on the failure of the districts to educate their students, this is not a new or unexpected problem.

It is easy to blame the schools, but these districts do not exist in a vacuum. High poverty and mobility rates cripple students, and schools are expected to magically fix everything.

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members. Still, the odds seem stacked against the children; and radical changes must be considered. Change will not come overnight and will not be painless. With the development boom in the Madison area, there will be jobs. With employment comes responsibility, and with responsibility comes hope.

That is the long-term future for the communities of Madison, Venice and Brooklyn. The state eventually may have to come in and take charge; but one can look to East St. Louis and see that despite state intervention, few positive changes have occurred.

We would like residents and administrators to consider an option rarely discussed: consolidation of the three school districts.

There is no reason why half of the students in Venice should be included in the Madison School District, while the other half attend Venice schools. Combining the three districts could save administration and building costs, help secure entitlements and offer children more chances to succeed. There are legitimate concerns about consolidation, but the time has come to openly discuss the matter.

It is time to look to the future. Failing to act only condemns more children to failure.

## LETTERS

### Thanks for giving

TO THE EDITOR: At this season of Thanksgiving, we offer our heartfelt appreciation to the people and businesses of Clinton, Madison, Randolph and St. Clair counties who helped put the 1997 United Way campaign over the top. Thanks to your contributions of money, time and talent, we were able to raise \$55,775,231, of which more than \$1.6 million came from these Illinois counties.

The United Way system ensures that more than 90 cents of every dollar received goes to support programs that help provide food, shelter, job training, activities for youngsters, child care and much more to people who live near you. Volunteers also allocate and oversee your money to be sure that all funds are used wisely. That's why the United Way is the best way to care.

Among the United Way agencies located in the Illinois area of our region are the Boy Scouts of America-Okaw Valley Council, Call for Help Inc., Catholic Social Service (Diocese of Belleville), Children's Home and Aid Society of Illinois, Girl Scouts USA-River Bluffs and Shagbark councils, Human Support Services, Illinois Center for Autism, Land of Lincoln Legal Assistance Foundation Inc., Lutheran Child and Family Services of Illinois, Special Children Inc., Visiting Nurse Association of St. Clair County and the Women's Crisis Center of Metro East Inc.

These are only a few of the more than 140 health and human service agencies supported by the United Way of Greater St. Louis and available to all. For the lives you've touched and all that you have given, you have our deepest gratitude.

ROBERT C. JAUDES  
RAY LEE  
Chairmen

### TO THE EDITOR:

It is fitting at this Thanksgiving and holiday season that I offer my heartfelt appreciation to all those who helped put the 1997 United Way campaign over the top. We raised \$55,775,231 to support health and human services in the Missouri and Illinois areas of the metropolitan St. Louis region.

A big part of that record total came through the efforts of the African-American Leadership Giving Initiative. More than 300 Initiative members gave at least \$1,000 each to help raise a record \$500,000 in support of United Way, far surpassing at \$400,000 goal.

The United Way system ensures that more than 90 cents of each dollar received goes to help people and solve problems in percent of its annual funding to health and human service agencies that serve African-Americans in this area, along with making one-time grants to member and nonmember agencies. That's why the United Way is the best way to care.

Because you cared, your dollars will help reduce child abuse, fight disease, keep kids out of trouble, reduce violence, care for the disabled and elderly, counsel those in distress and provide for many other vital services that make our region a better place to live. The 1997 campaign has demonstrated once again how generously our community responds when it comes to helping others. Your support represents the true spirit of Thanksgiving.

WAYMAN F. SMITH III  
Chair for the African-American  
Leadership Giving Initiative

## THE FARM GUY

### Christmas tree shopping makes for winter safari

Well, the Christmas season is upon us. Are you ready? Here we go.

The first thing we have to do is get that Christmas tree, maybe from one of those farms where you get your saw, walk all day and up with the tree you saw as you got out of the car and cut it down. We are fortunate enough to have some of those in our area, don't get me wrong, I have been there and done that.

It was fun and a good way to spend quality time with your wife discussing why this or that tree will not fit in your living room.

The other way to get a tree is to go to the corner tree lot and pick one already cut. This is where I consider myself somewhat of an expert. For you see, I worked at a tree lot a couple of years to make a little pocket money a few years back.

Here are a few things I observed as a professional Christmas tree salesman: • The best time to sell trees is in the evening after dark. Most trees look pretty good in the dark.

• The easiest person to sell a tree to is a man with two or three kids helping. Usually it doesn't take too long and he has one picked out and he is gone.

• When selling trees you must always have what the customer wants. They want a small tree, you cut one off; they want a tall tree, you sit it on a block.

• The worst weather to sell trees in is a pretty, sunny winter day; the buyers look at every tree on the lot.

• Think about how you are going to get that tree home. Everybody who has sold trees knows this story: Buyer picks out biggest tree on lot, drives



David Schumacher

smallest car on the road.

Always a challenge. I remember as a sweet, young, well-behaved child my parents would always tell me we should wait to go get a tree because we wanted it to last longer. Well, that made sense to me; we didn't want it to dry out so we let it sit on the parking lot somewhere. Well, by the time I turned 30 I figured out that it was dead wherever it was (pretty sharp, huh?).

So, if you are planning to buy a tree, you might as well go get it, bring it home and, if nothing else, put it in a bucket of water. It really does help.

Since we are on the topic of Christmas trees, have you ever wondered where they come from? Well, most of the trees are grown in the northwest: Oregon, Washington and in other mountain states. I recently had the opportunity to visit with the owner of the Holiday Tree Farm in Carlsbad, Ore. It sounded like quite an operation.

John Schudell is a third-generation tree grower. The farm consists of about 8,000 acres, and they have about 15 million trees. The farms employ about 1,800 during the tree-cutting season, and that starts the first week of November so they can get them baled and shipped to several foreign customers.

They have to prune the trees every year after they are 3 years old, and it takes about

eight years to get to the size you see, 5 to 7 feet. This particular grower cuts about 1 million trees each season. Since you now know all there

is to know about Christmas trees, you either can get out there and get one, or, as mil-

lions of Americans do, go to the attic and get that one out of the box. Either way, good luck with your tree.

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# PEOPLE



Santa and Mrs. Claus arrive at their cabin to visit with the children of Granite City.

## A new tradition takes hold

*Photos by John Freese and Shirley Valencia*

### Parade

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"All (the committee) was just great," she said. She also thanks the City Council for approving \$10,000 in downtown tax increment financing district that the committee used as seed money to get things rolling on the Holiday Avenue. Numerous business owners and interested parties donated on top of that money, and Whitaker said the committee is still accepting donations, for next year's events.

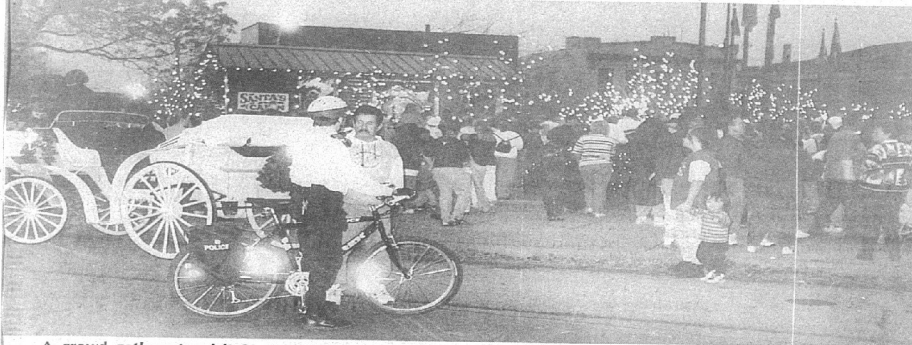
One activity the group has planned is selling cookbooks next year to raise money to expand Santa's Holiday Avenue and keep the Santa House in good shape, she said.

Some people were overjoyed to see the Santa House fully restored. Parents brought their children to visit Santa in the same building they were brought to by their own parents years ago, she said.

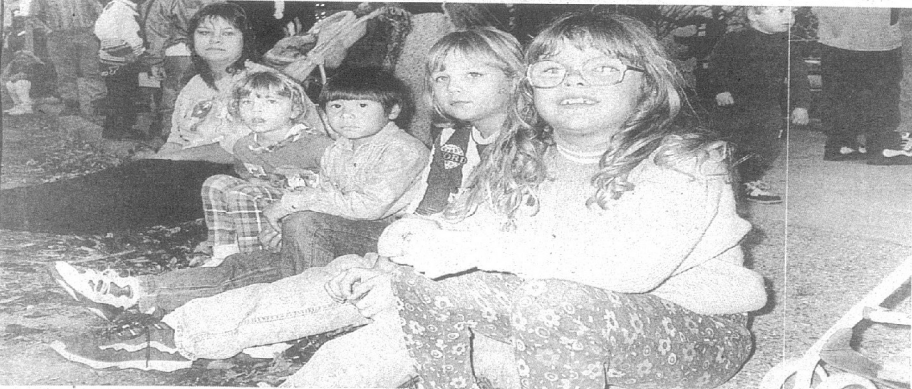
"We had 537 children ... go through the house for three days (Friday through Sunday)," Whitaker said. "The rush will be coming, though," she said, referring to the weekends of Dec. 13 and 20, just before Christmas.

Hours for the Santa House for the remainder of the year are 5 to 8 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays, and 1 to 7 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. On Dec. 21-23 the house will be open until 9 p.m. The last day to see Santa at the house will be Dec. 23.

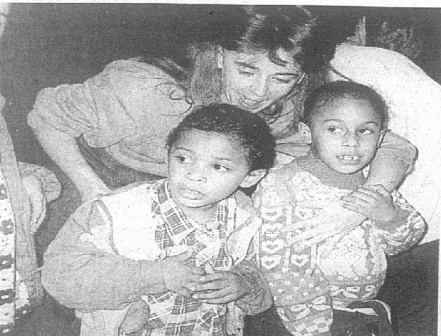
"Children were very happy — that's what it's all about," she said. "It's positive publicity for Granite City."



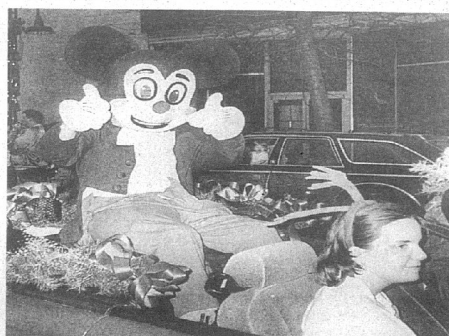
A crowd gathers to visit Santa's Cabin shortly after the lighting of the display.



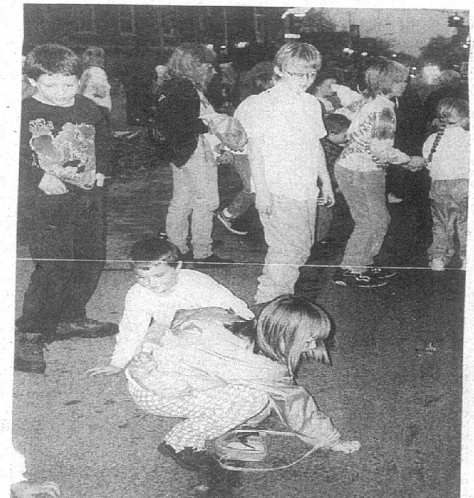
Bryanna Buman, 4, Ethan Householder, 9, Ashley Banks and Heather Householder, 7, sit on the curb in front of Santa's Cabin waiting for his arrival.



Anthony and Royal Murphy wait for Santa.



Mickey Mouse waves to children lining Niedringhaus Avenue to see Santa's arrival at his cabin in downtown Granite City.



One of the true Granite City parade traditions is children gathering candy thrown by parade participants.



Jessica Hicks, walking along in the parade as one of Santa's elves, waves.

# HOLIDAY

## Gift & Dining Guide

### Born to shop

Shoppers' creed has evolved over last century

As the holiday shopping season gets under way, you might see sales promotions featuring "Cathy," a comic strip character who seems to spend half her life and most of her money at the mall.

But "Born to Shop" is more than a store slogan. It's a job description — for a job far older than the malls that gave birth to it.

"When mass production made it cheaper to buy goods such as clothing than to produce them at home, then the role of women in the American economy shifted," says Jonathan J. Bean, a business historian who teaches at Southern Illinois University's Carbondale campus.

"Their role became to go to stores to purchase goods — to consume."

To get the job done, our forebears went to what was then a new-fangled concept: the department store. It was there that the notion of shopping as entertainment, the mother of mall crawling, was born.

"Some places in the Midwest would have excursion trains where country folk could go and spend the day or the weekend in Chicago," Bean says.

"Some department stores had orchestras or even small circuses. They were like civic centers where everybody could come."

"In that sense, they were very different from the old, single-line shops which kept their very best goods in the back, available to only a select few, where you were expected to buy something if you went in. This was the democratizing of luxury: displaying what was once available only to the rich and marketing it to the middle class."

Those early stores were a sight to see. Nineteenth-century visitors to Chicago's Marshall Fields, one of America's first department stores, tell of Grecian columns, marble floors with Oriental rugs, Tiffany chandeliers and polished mahogany display cases.

"We don't have anything comparable," Bean says. "One historian has called them 'palaces of consumption.' They were meant to compete with the likes of Versailles."

"They were a carnival of the senses, meant to dazzle, with lights, window displays, aromas, all intended to entice. They provided a visual delight in an age with no television or big-screen theaters. That kind of sensual environment was new to American shopping."

And atmosphere wasn't their only innovation. Although America had yet to give women the vote, the department store made men its second-class citizens.

"It was the only place in the American economy where powerful men — managers and owners — had to humble themselves before middle-class women," Bean says.

"The slogan, 'The customer is always right,' began here, and those customers were women."

"The idea was to cater in every way to their needs and desires. Men were very much out of place, a persistent gender gap that you still see today."

Department stores became, in the words of Edward Filene, founder of the Boston emporium that bears his name, "Adamless Edens," because cannily store owners realized two things: Women did the bulk of the household's buying, and they often bought things on impulse.

"The whole point (of both atmosphere and deference) was to get them to engage in impulse buying, to purchase something almost without thinking," Bean says.

Encouraging women to act on impulse had what Bean calls "a dark side," however.

"For the first time in American history, you have people who are stealing goods they can apparently afford to pay for," he says.

Folks didn't know what to make of this new phenomenon. Nineteenth-century Americans put women on a pedestal, believing they were morally superior to men. How could they explain virtuous women who shoplift?

"Kleptomaniacs," says Bean. "There's no rational reason for these women to steal. Therefore, they must be suffering from a disease but something that's peculiar to women, as men by and large weren't shoplifting."

"They decided it was a hormonal problem, though it was one that afflicted only the middle class. A poor woman who stole was still just a thief, partly because it made sense for her to steal what she couldn't afford. There was a rational explanation."

For decades, kleptomaniacs provided a strong defense for women facing the charges in court. These days, however, you don't hear much about this disease.

"Once we had a more progressive view of women, the idea that they were subject to impulses they couldn't control lost some of its credibility," Bean says.

The "Born to Shop" concept, however, seems here to stay. And so does the way most men react to it. This New York Times editorial was typical of all.

"The awful prevalence of the vice of shopping among women is one of those signs of the times which lead the thoughtful patriot almost to despair of the future of our country," the anonymous newspaperman wrote in 1981. "Few people have any idea of the extent to which our women are addicted to this purse-destroying vice."

### 'Think green' for holidays

County urges residents to recycle during Christmas season

By Nicole Vaughn  
Staff writer

Madison County Solid Waste Coordinator Denise McCleary said she hopes residents will "think green" this holiday season.

"There are so many things people can do to reduce the amount of trash they create this Christmas," McCleary said.

"The holidays generate a lot of waste. If you use a cut Christmas tree, recycle it. Both Collinsville Township and the City of Troy will hold such programs Dec. 26-Jan. 12."

Or, buy a live tree. "You can use a live tree to commemorate a special event of the holiday season,"

such as a wedding or the birth of a child or grandchild," McCleary said.

Artificial trees, many of which look real, also reduce the waste stream. They can be reused year after year.

Season's greetings also result in a lot of trash. McCleary said that 2.65 billion holiday greeting cards are sold in the United States each year. That's enough to fill a football field — 10 stories high.

By reducing holiday greetings by just one card, more than 15,000 tons of paper and 892 trees are saved. McCleary suggests sending e-mail, calling on the telephone or sending postcards. Postcards use less paper and postage.

If it just doesn't feel like the holidays without greeting cards, look for those that

contain recycled paper.

When it comes to gift-giving, it's easy to be nature friendly. One way is with food.

"Reusable tins of popcorn, cookies and candy are always welcome gifts," McCleary said. "The tins can be reused for storing other items long after the goodies are gone."

Food is also an item that often is wasted during the holidays. McCleary said at least 28 billion pounds of edible food are wasted each year.

"If each person in this country wastes one tablespoon of stuffing at holiday time, that adds up to 16.1 million pounds," McCleary said.

### Turkey seeing a challenge

By Alene Hill  
Staff writer

While turkey and ham still win the popularity contest for Christmas dinner, an increasing number of holiday tables are featuring other selections.

"We see a variety of meat orders for holidays," said Don Nihiser, who, along with his wife, Marilyn, owns Troy Frozen Foods. "They use everything. I think maybe some people get tired of traditional turkey and ham."

What Nihiser does see is the substitute of high quality beef and pork, in addition to occasional goose, Cornish hen, capons, and duck orders.

"When people do use beef or pork (for the holidays), it's usually pork loin and crown roast," he said.

Although Nihiser gets a few orders for goose, duck, or Cornish hens, he said it is not necessarily older customers who maintain the dinner tradition.

"For some families, that's what they have always had and they want to keep the tradition," he said.

The reason he doesn't see more orders for older traditional holiday dinner selections, he said, is the additional time preparing those recipes.

"They can require more preparation; more trimming, cleaning, and stuffing," Nihiser said. "But it is still the traditional meal for some."

Nihiser has also seen an increase in the number of orders for meat already prepared, a service he provides.



Don Nihiser, owner of Troy Frozen Foods, fills a variety of meat orders for the holidays, including goose, capons, duck, turkey breast, smoked turkey and ham.

### Even small children can help

Helping hands may be welcome in the kitchen on Christmas, even tiny hands. Children as young as age 3 can help prepare the holiday feast.

Christmas is family time, a good time to get children involved in all the festivities of the holiday, including dinner preparation, said Dawn Hentges, University of Illinois Extension food safety specialist.

As a general guide, here are activities children can do to help in the kitchen:

3-year-olds: Wash fruits and vegetables; peel bananas; pour liquids; fetch pots, pans and cans from low cabinets; measure ingredients; spread with a knife.

4- to 5-year-olds: Grease pans; open packages; peel carrots; set table (with some supervision); shape dough for cookies; wash and prepare lettuce, broccoli and cauliflower for salad; place toppings on pizza or snacks.

6- to 8-year-olds: Take part in planning meal; set table; make a salad; find ingredients in cabinet or spice rack.

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3	*** <i>"Husky-Jung"</i>	*** <i>"Fighting Fantasy: Stanley's Speech"</i>			Fraser	Red Green	Star Trek: Deep Space	9
4	Yusef Salaam Future <b>38</b>	*** <i>"Fighting Fantasy: Stanley's Speech"</i>			Fraser	Red Green	Star Trek: Voyager	38
5	Parent James Fox	Unhappily	Alight	Forbes Title Conflict (R)	*** <i>"Painmaker"</i>	(1994, Drama, Jack) <b>38</b>	*** <i>"Dark of the Sun"</i> (1968)	
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## OBITUARIES

## John Loerch

JOHN EWING LOERCH, 81, of Granite City, died at 11:30 a.m. Dec. 2, 1997, at the Madison County Nursing Home in Edwardsville. He was born Oct. 20, 1916, in Dover, Ind.

Loerch was a member of the Niederrheinhaus United Methodist Church, the Granite City Masonic Lodge 877, Scottish Rite and Ainal Shriners Temple.

Survivors include his wife, Mary (Piper) Loerch of Granite City; three daughters, Juanita Dillard and Irene Filler, both of Granite City, and Lena Garoff of East Alton; two sisters, Wanda Garoff of Granite City and Opal Brant of Arnold, Mo.; 10 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Bruce and Lena (O'Guinn) Loerch; one brother, Bruce Loerch Jr.; and one sister, Leslie Davis.

Visitation is from 5 to 8 p.m. today, Thursday, at Irwin Chapel, 3950 Mayville Road in Granite City. There will also be a Masonic Service at 7 p.m. tonight.

Services are at 1 p.m. Friday, Dec. 5, 1997, with the Rev. William Lockrone officiating. Interment will be at Lake View Memorial Gardens in Fairview Heights.

Memorial may be made to the Madison County Nursing Home.

## Everett Mason

EVERETT J. MASON, 60, of Granite City, died at 1:22 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 3, 1997, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center. He was born Aug. 19, 1937, in Granite City.

Mr. Mason was a retired in main-

tenance with Greyhound Bus Co.

Survivors include his wife, Wanda (Cave) Mason; three sons, Kenneth Mason of Perryville, Mo., Everett Mason of Troy and Norman Laws of Mauntenview, Mo.; two daughters, Pamela Rocha of Granite City and Deborah Elliot of Oakville, Mo.; seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Everett Freeman and Margaret (Overby) Mason.

Visitation is from 4 to 8 p.m. today, Thursday, Dec. 4, at Werner Chapel. Services are at 11 a.m. Friday at Werner Chapel, with the Rev. Dennis Price officiating. Burial will be at St. John's Cemetery in Granite City.

Memorials may be made to Shiner's Hospital.

**Donald Calvert**  
DONALD E. CALVERT, 84, of Advance, Mo., died Nov. 25, 1997, at Chaffee Nursing Center. He was born July 28, 1913, in Buxton, Iowa, July 13, 1913.

Mr. Calvert was a retired grocery store meat department manager in Granite City. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II. He was of the Methodist faith.

Survivors include his wife, Kathleen (Marquis), whom he married May 13, 1950; three daughters, Debbie Amiga, Donna Francis, both of Chaffee, Mo., and Kathy Miller, of Buxton, Mo.; and two sons, Jean Martin of Flagstaff, Ariz.; one sister, Viola Ramsey of Mason, Mich.; 14 grandchildren, and 14 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Edward and Viola Church

Calvert; one brother, and one grandson.

Services were Saturday, Nov. 29, at Jordan Funeral Chapel with the Rev. Mike Grant officiating. Burial was at Sunset Hills Cemetery.

## Marshall Coleman

MARSHALL LYNN COLEMAN, 25, of Granite City, died at 1 p.m. Nov. 21, 1997, at his residence. He was born Sept. 20, 1972, in Granite City.

Mr. Coleman was of the Baptist faith.

He is survived by his parents, James E. Cox Jr. and Linda (Morgan) Cox of Granite City; two brothers, Dwayne Miller, Holt Miller, David Coleman, Johnny Morgan and Ricky Morgan, all of Granite City; Leonard Miller of Norfolk, Va.; Martin Miller of Alton, and Johnny Cox and Jimmy Cox, both of Gillespie, Ill.; one sister, Theresa Cox of Gillespie, Ill.; and his girlfriend, Melissa Holt of Granite City.

Services were Nov. 24 at Irwin Chapel, 2801 Madison Ave., with the Rev. Louis L. Overton officiating. Burial was in at St. John Cemetery in Granite City.

Memorials may be made to the family.

## Clarence A. Potts

CLARENCE A. POTTS, 70, of Branson, Mo., died Monday, Dec. 3, 1997. He was born June 23, 1927, in Granite City.

Survivors include a brother, Clifford Potts of Kimberling City, Mo.; three sisters, Radie Cochran of Granite City, Crystal Eason of Silver Springs, Fla., and Iva Hoffman of Fairview Heights, Mo.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Benjamin and Emma (Tucker) Potts; and two brothers, Adolph Potts and Arley Potts.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, Dec. 3, at Lake View Memorial Gardens with the Rev. Darrin Hughes officiating.

## FUNERAL SUMMARY

## Karen Barger

KAREN S. (VOEGELE) BARGER, 39, of Granite City, died Saturday, Nov. 29, 1997, at St. John's Mercy Medical Center. She was born Feb. 10, 1958, in East St. Louis.

Services were Wednesday, Dec. 3 at Holy Family Catholic Church with the Rev. William Fisherseller officiating. Burial was in Calvary Cemetery in Edwardsville.

Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association or to the National Lupus Foundation of America.

## Mary V. Bathon

MARY V. BATHON, nee Carman, 63, of Pontoon Beach, formerly of Granite City, died Saturday, Nov. 29, 1997, at her home. She was born April 13, 1934, in Braggadocio, Mo.

Services were Monday, Dec. 1 at St. Nicolas Catholic Church with the Rev. Hipas officiating. Werner Chapel will handle the arrangements. Burial was in Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery.

Arrangements were handled by Irwin Chapel of Granite City.

## William B. Earhart

WILLIAM B. EARHART, 46, of Granite City, died Thursday, Nov. 27, 1997, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center. He was born Oct. 2, 1951, in Granite City and was a lifetime resident.

Services were Monday, Dec. 1 at Werner Chapel in Pontoon Beach with the Rev. Mike Davis officiating. Burial was in St. John's Cemetery, Granite City.

Memorials to the American Cancer Society are suggested.

## Irene A. Krausz

IRENE A. KRAUSZ, 80, of New Baden died Wednesday, Nov. 26, 1997, at St. Joseph Hospital in Breese. She was born on Oct. 24, 1917, in Engelman Township.

Services were Saturday, Nov. 29 at Zion United Church of Christ in New Baden with Rev. Gretchen Sterrett officiating. Burial was in Greenmount Cemetery in New Baden.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Zion United Church of Christ.

## William Price

WILLIAM A. PRICE, 64, of Madison died at 5:35 p.m. Friday, Nov. 28, at St. Elizabeth Hospital. He was born June 21, 1933, in Madison.

Services were Tuesday, Dec. 2 at Word of Life Tabernacle with the Rev. Henry Crippen officiating. Burial was in St. John Cemetery.

Arrangements were by Werner Chapel. Memorials may be made to the building fund at Word of Life.

## Harold Sullivan

HAROLD ANDRE "BUTCH" SULLIVAN, 39, of Venice died Monday, Dec. 1, 1997, at St. Mary's Hospital in Clayton, Mo. He was a native of East St. Louis.

Services were Saturday, Nov. 29 at Bible Deliverance Fellowship Church in Venice with the Rev. Ronald Fields officiating. Burial was in Sunset Gardens of Memory in Millstadt. Arrangements were handled by Officer Funeral Home Metro East Chapel.

## Ann Taylor

ANN (BARBER) TAYLOR, 89, of Talos Heights, died Tuesday, Nov. 25, 1997, at Holy Family Villa in Lenoir. She was born July 9, 1908, in Granite City.

Services were held at Holy Family Catholic Church on Saturday, Nov. 29, with the Rev. Thomas Wise officiating. Burial was in Calvary Cemetery in Irwin.

## Herman Weissenborn

HERMAN A. WEISSENBORN, 81, of Granite City died at 11:45 p.m. Friday, Nov. 28, 1997, at St. John's Mercy Medical Center in St. Louis. He was born Dec. 16, 1916, in Advance, Mo.

Services were Tuesday, Dec. 2 at St. Elizabeth Church in the Rev. Frances Tebengura officiating. Burial was at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery. Arrangements were by Werner Chapel. Memorials may be made to the Salvation

Army.

## David Welborn

DAVID WELBORN, 47, of Granite City, died at home Nov. 28, 1997. He was born Dec. 16, 1949.

A Memorial Mass was held Saturday, Nov. 29, at St. Elizabeth Catholic Church.

Memorial donations may be made to Hospice of Madison County or to the Madison County Humane Society, where Mr. Welborn was a volunteer.

## John White

JOHN WHITE, 76, of Centerville died Tuesday, Nov. 25, in Centerville. He was born in Scobos, Miss.

Services were Saturday, Nov. 29 at Southern Mission Baptist Church in East St. Louis with the Rev. Jerome Jackson officiating. Burial was at Sunset Gardens of Memory in Millstadt. Officer Funeral Home Metro East Chapel handled the arrangements.

## Katherine A. Wood

KATHERINE A. (HARSH) WOOD, 81, died in Phoenix, Ariz., Nov. 23, 1997, following a lengthy illness.

Contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society.

## Elmira Young

ELMIRA JEANNE (HURST) YOUNG, 53, of Maplewood, Mo., formerly of Granite City, died Sunday, Nov. 30, 1997, at St. Mary's Health Center in St. Louis. She was born March 23, 1944.

Burial was in Wright City Cemetery in Missouri.

## John Yurko

JOHN JEROME YURKO, 77, of Madison, died at 10:30 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 30, 1997, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City. He was born May 28, 1920, in Madison.

Services were Tuesday, Dec. 2 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Madison. Burial was at Calvary in Edwardsville. Arrangements may be sent to St. Mary's. Arrangements were made by Thomas Mortuaries.

## Legal fees mounting on Norton recycling project

By Paul A. Brinkmann

Telegraph staff writer  
Fees for attorneys and consultants working on the Norton Environmental recycling project have cost the city and its taxpayers more than \$65,342.

Norton, of Ohio, is seeking to put a mixed-waste recycling facility in Wood River. The city has done everything it can to lure the company.

But recycling facilities

require approval from the Illinois Pollution Control Board, and a local chapter of the Sierra Club has filed objections to the facility.

To fight the Sierra Club, the city has been forced to spend its own money on the approval process for Norton. Norton provided an escrow fund of \$100,000 to the city to cover expenses, but that fund was all but exhausted two months ago, and all that remains is \$5,000. The City Council was the first to

study Norton's proposal. It voted two months ago to approve the proposal under state guidelines. But local Sierra Club member Jim Bensman filed an appeal with the Pollution Control Board in an attempt to block approval.

Hearing before the Pollution Control Board was held Tuesday at Wood River City Hall.

No new information was presented to the board. Bensman said he is seeking another review from the state.

City Manager Joey Tolbert said he thinks it's unfair that Bensman can file an appeal without cost, forcing the city to defend itself.

"If he loses, he should have to pay," Tolbert said. He said the city wants Norton to pay for the new costs. "There's ongoing discussions about payment," Tolbert said.

He said he thinks the project, if approved, will be worth the cost to the taxpayers.

## Land

(Continued from Page 1A)

Norfolk Southern Railroad was originally asking \$8,000 an acre for the land where Midwest will build a steel mill. The railroad owned the land inside its rail loop between Highway 3, Midway Avenue and Pontoon Road and a little of the surrounding land.

"We had it appraised... the appraisal within the steel mill was \$4,500 an acre," Brown said. In the borrow pits it came to \$4,000 an acre and outside the tracks \$3,000. The city decided it didn't need the land outside the track loop.

The borrow pits were needed for drainage so the city wouldn't have to use buildable acres for drainage.

A meeting Brown had with Norfolk Southern, railroad representatives said they would sell the land inside the loop for \$6,000 and acre. Brown asked that they throw in the borrow pit area, about 3 acres.

"I think they saw a good deal there," Brown said.

All of the deals for the sales and transfers of the land were to have been signed and completed early this month. Brown said the city wanted to close the deal with Precast the same day it bought the land from the railroad, in part because the city needed the money to sale creates to go for debt service within the money is generated from the new industrial

park's tax increment financing.

Also, "we told them (Precast) all along that the city doesn't want 63 acres unless we have someone to take the first acre," Brown said, referring to the total acreage of the industrial park.

"If there was any way they were going to be able to get out of it, and (the city) would use it with 63 acres, they'd have used it as my burial ground," he said. "The city would bury me."

Juneau and Associates will put in the steel mill, rock road so Midwest can get started, Brown said. Permanent roads will be put in the spring.

Joe Darling, project manager for Midwest Metal Coating, said Midwest is a joint venture between Precast Metals and NCI, National Components Inc. out of Houston, Texas. NCI is Precast's biggest customers, he said.

"It was kind of a natural fit to go into a joint venture with them," Darling said.

Midwest will buy approximately 18 acres from the city, at a cost of \$270,000. It will build a 84,000-square-foot plant; the budget for the project is between \$12 million and \$15 million.

"Most of you growing up or working in this area know that coils of steel are," he said. "We're going to process hot rolled steel, the first thing that comes out of the mill."

We're going to try to make a silk purse out of a pig's ear — it's the worst material that you can work with coming out of the mill."

The plant will have the capacity of approximately 250,000 tons a year, and will process 60,000 pound coils 60 inches wide, 84 inches in diameter from Granite City Steel.

The material will be transported to the plant both by truck and rail.

Services will be by coil-carrying gondolas and barges. Material would be shipped by barge to Houston, which at one time was a major building center of the nation.

There is a possibility Midwest will not actually load boxcars in the future.

The plant will employ 50 people to start, he said.

Midwest will not actually make anything, but with paint the steel, the same as a sister plant 30 miles away on Highway three, which works with smaller coils.

"We're going to paint this material a green, gray maybe white," he said. "It will be coiled back up into coil form... and we'll take it onto a slitter."

The slitter cuts the coils into various widths. The product will then be shipped to NCI and other metal-building companies.

Midwest will perform some laminating of galvanized steel. The company will probably be up and fully running by the end of summer next year, Darling said. "I think Dan's park will fill up pretty quick once we get in and get established," he said.

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## THE LAW AND YOU

By RICK REED  
Attorney At Law

If you are owed money by another individual, it is worth pursuing the case in court to collect this sum? This is a question that needs to be asked in every case where a valid debt is owed. The creditor needs to understand that not only must there be money owed but also that this sum must be collectible from the debtor. In other words, there is no point in pursuing a case if the debtor is a "deadbeat" and has no assets.

In some cases, a mother is owed back child support by her child's father. In other situations, the debtor signs a promissory note and never pays the money. Or perhaps a defendant is involved in an automobile accident and has no insurance to cover the damage to your car. Or what if a person assaults you causing bodily injury?

Is it worth pursuing these debts? These are all valid debts, but the real question in

these cases is whether the defendants can satisfy the judgements after the cases go to court. It should be noted that some debts are dischargeable in bankruptcy. In these situations, you may spend time and money pursuing the case only to have the obligation wiped out in bankruptcy. Generally speaking, back child support and intentional torts (battery to a person) cannot be wiped out in bankruptcy, but money owed on promissory notes and damage caused in auto accidents can be discharged.

In one recent case, a woman loaned \$4,000 to a friend. She filed suit to collect the sum, but the debtor was on hard times, and he appeared to have no assets. Approximately one year later the woman read in the newspaper that her friend had won 4 million dollars in the lottery. Obviously what had been an uncollectible debt was now collectible.

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Section B

Thursday, December 4, 1997

# Warriors topple Triad for 5th win

## GCHS faces Tigers on Friday

By Patrick C. Heston  
Staff writer

Granite City grabbed an 18-11 first quarter lead and never looked back, beating Triad 55-45 in a boys basketball game Tuesday night.

The Warriors, who have yet to play a home game, won their fifth straight skirmish, raising their record to 5-1. And, for the fifth straight game, the boys of John Van Buskirk limited an opponent to 45 points or less. The Warriors are allowing an average only 47.5 points an outing.

"We didn't shoot very well from the field, especially in the second half," said Van Buskirk. "We're a good shooting team. We prove that every time we step to the free-throw line. But, for some reason, we're struggling from the field so far this year."

The Warriors, who shot a tournament-best 74 percent from the line in the five-game Alton River Bend Tip Off Classic, shot 75 percent (12-16) against Triad. But their field goal shooting for the year is only in the high thirties.

"We haven't been able to put our finger on the exact problem," Van Buskirk said, "but we're talking about it and working on it in practice. We're a better shooting team than we've been showing, and we'll get things straightened out."

The Warriors front line of Dustin Brewer,

### BOYS BASKETBALL

#### GRANITE CITY 55, TRIAD 45

Chris Tindall and Matt Pistorius combined for 40 points against Triad, as Granite City used its inside game to take a 33-20 halftime lead. The margin was 45-31 after three quarters.

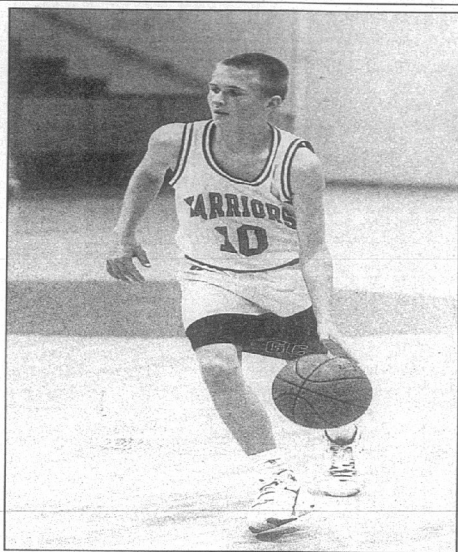
Brewer led the charge with 18 points. Tindall had 12 and Pistorius 10. Other Warriors to score were Tim Wallace with seven points, Zack May with four, Rocky Smith with three and Juannell Goodwin with one.

"Our players have a great attitude and a lot of confidence right now," said Van Buskirk. "We're very happy to be 5-1. But, we're not satisfied. We want to be better. I'm not talking about our record. I'm talking about our play. We want to get better at what we do every practice and every game. We want to become a better team every day."

The Warriors face their biggest game of the season this Friday at Edwardsville. The Tigers were ranked 24th in the Associated Press preseason high school poll and are coming off a 23-5 season which ended in a 72-69 six-overtime loss to Alton in the sectional semifinals.

Though all-star Jim Dougherty has graduated, the Tigers bring back a tall and experienced team, including Marquette University

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(Staff photo by JOHN FRIESE)  
Granite City's Zack May chipped in four points for the Warriors during a 55-45 victory against Triad.

# Stepping up big

## Edwards' big effort helps Venice top Freeburg

By Patrick C. Heston  
Staff writer

Venice coach Clinton Harris Jr. needed someone to step up big in the second half against visiting Freeburg on Tuesday night.

Enter Jamie Edwards. The 6-foot-2 senior forward grabbed 11 rebounds and hit all six of his shots from the floor over the last two quarters, on his way to a 16-point, 10-rebound night, powering the Red Devils to an impressive 62-46 win.

"Jammie did a good job on the boards for us, especially on the offensive boards," said Harris. "He kept getting the offensive rebounds and putting the ball back in the hole. In fact, that's how we took the lead in the third quarter."

Edwards' 12 second-half points came on put-backs off offensive boards. The Warriors' 6-3 sophomore center John Chatman who carried the Red Devils in the early going.

Chatman hit his first four shots of the game to stake Venice to a 10-4 lead with nearly 10 minutes still to play in the first quarter. But Freeburg pulled within 12-8 at the horn.

Three minutes had elapsed in the third-quarter before either team scored. Shondel Matkins' three-footer put Venice in front 14-8 but eight straight points moved the Midgels to the front (16-14) with 3:15 remaining.

The teams traded the lead from there until a LaRon Cole field goal made it 23-23 at the half.

"We started playing better defense in the second half," said Harris. "We were in a 2-3 zone, and they got back in the game by hitting the man along the baseline or the man in the middle. But we went strictly to a man-to-man defense in the second half and really picked it up. It was that switch in defense that won the game for us tonight."

Freeburg turned the ball over nine times in the third quarter as the Venice defenders played with a new-found

(See VENICE, Page 3B)

# Nearly a dynasty

## Granite City was a mainstay at state tourney, but could grab no titles from 1912 to 1916

By Patrick C. Heston  
Staff writer

Granite City High School basketball teams reached the Illinois High School Association state tournament five times in six years from 1911 through 1916. Only in 1913 did the Warriors fail to reach state.

After a strong third-place finish in 1911 at the Bradley University gym in Peoria, GCHS returned to state in 1912, this time played at the Decatur YMCA, and was one of the favorites of the six-team affair.

The Warriors were led by Harry Branding, Ernest Robertson and Frank Hansel, with contributions from a solid supporting cast of Edward Plato, John Taft, Alphonse Mueller and Edgar Wilson. Branding, Robertson and Taft were the only returning regulars from the Warriors' 23-1 powerhouse of a year earlier.

Granite City, with a school enrollment of only 145 students, was the second-smallest school in the field. They met the only school smaller, Hillsboro, in first round action. The Hilltoppers were fueled by high-scoring Walter Frame. But the Granite balance was too much and the Warriors advanced with an easy 39-25 win.

The red-and-black were not as fortunate in the semifinals, losing to C.K. Merrick's fine Batavia team 29-25 in a contest that played to the wire. In the end, GCHS could not stop 6-foot-1 senior Raymond McDermott, who scored a tournament high 18 points to lead his team to victory.

Granite City went on to beat Decatur 38-31 for third place. Branding and Robertson, who were both among the top five scoring leaders in the tournament, were named to the all-tournament team.

The Warriors arrived at the 1914 tournament with a lackluster record of 16-8, but had looked good late, cruising by a quintet of teams to capture the prestigious Jacksonville Tournament to close out the regular season. Granite defeated state powers Canton (28-21), Quincy (35-24) and Springfield (32-27) in successive games to win the Jacksonville crown.

Leading the way on the season was the guard tandem of Williams and Wilson, ably assisted by center Thomas McKean and forwards Lewis and Gaylord.

GCHS opened the 1913-14 season with four straight wins against Mount Vernon, then lost back-to-back contests to Centerville. After picking up a pair of victories, the Warriors fell twice to Collinsville and struggled from there to a 10-8 record

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# GRANITE CITY GREATS

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## HIGH SCHOOL ICE HOCKEY

# Fit to be tied

## Warriors take shots but settle for deadlock

By Patrick C. Heston  
Staff writer

Shots on goal do not a victory make.

The Granite City (Illinois) Warriors outshot O'Fallon 41-20 last Wednesday at the Wilson Park Ice Rink, but managed to come away with only a 2-2 tie in the process.

The win kept the Warriors unbeaten in the Mississippi Valley Club Hockey Association's Southern Conference with a 2-0 record.

Granite City opened strong, putting 13 first period shots on goal to only three for the Panthers, but beating O'Fallon goalie Mark Power only once.

With only 58 seconds left in the opening period, sophomore John Stordahl beat Powers off assists from sophomore Bobby Meszaros and freshman Brett Solberger to give the Warriors a 1-0 lead.

As was the case in the first two games of the season, the Granite City defense was nearly impenetrable. The Warriors did not allow an O'Fallon shot on goal during a four minute power play in the first period.

In the second period, O'Fallon finally broke through the Granite defense on a shot by Brent Grimm at the 5:04

mark. Jason Power and Matt Smith picked up the assists.

But the game remained tied just 12 more seconds.

Meszaros fed Dustin Wesley, who whipped the puck across to a charging Vince Whittenberg. The senior team captain beat Powers, burying the puck in the net for a 2-1 Warriors lead.

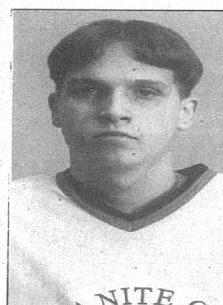
But 21 seconds later, O'Fallon struck back. Nick Geor's scored with assists from Paul Tikkanen and Joel Leiker to knot the score at 2-2.

Once more, the Granite City defense rose to the occasion, blanking the Panthers on six minutes worth of power plays in the middle frame.

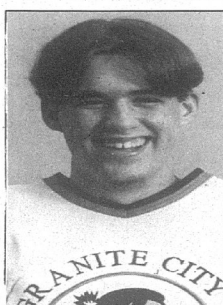
The Warriors outshot O'Fallon 13-6 in the third period, but there was no scoring. The Panthers had two advantages, a two-minute minor and a five-minute major, in the period.

Warriors coach Paul Solberger was far from happy about the penalty situation.

"With all the time our penal-



John Stordahl



Vince Whittenberg

ty-killers were on the ice, it really took away from our offense," he said. "This, coupled with the O'Fallon goalie's play, really kept us off the scoreboard."

Still, the Panthers failed to score on any power play opportunity. A fact made even more impressive considering the Warriors were without sophomore defenseman Billy Cahill, who was injured; and without Matt Foley for much of the third period when the senior defenseman drew a game misconduct.

In three conference games this season, the Warriors have

outshot their opponents 120-53 and hold a 14-4 edge in scoring.

The Warriors' next game is against Northern Conference opponent Alton on Saturday, Dec. 6, at 6 p.m. The game will be played at the East Alton Ice Arena which is in the Eastgate Theater and Shopping district, approximately 10 miles North of I-270 on Route 3.

The Warriors' next game at the Wilson Park Ice Rink is against the Cahokia Comanches on Wednesday at 8:15 p.m. Tickets are \$3 for adults and \$2 for children.

Team statistics..... Page 2B

# Warriors run record to 5-0-0

By Patrick C. Heston  
Staff writer

The Granite City Warriors picked up a pair of big wins in Mid-States Club Hockey Association play after the Thanksgiving holiday. The wins give the Warriors an sparkling 5-0-0 mark in the Suburban North Division of the MSCHA's North Conference.

On Saturday, Granite City traveled to North County and pounded host Hazelwood East 5-1.

At 13:19 of the first period, team captain Bobby Pritchard took a feed from Bryan Loftus and found the back of the net for a 1-0 Granite City lead.

The Warriors were fortunate to get on the board in a sloppy opening period, as the puck bounced around a lot early and neither team could generate much offense. East outshot Granite 9-7 in the period, but still trailed.

At 8:38 of the second period, the Warriors took a 2-0 lead on Loftus' goal with assists from Todd McQueen and Matt Blaylock.

The lead stretched to 3-0 at the 2:12 mark when Danny Ferguson won a face-off in the offensive zone and quickly slipped a pass to the point where Scott Savich fired a shot

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on goal with Kyle Hensley and Greg Boyer screening the goalie, who never saw the puck.

Hazelwood East picked up its only score of the game with exactly 1:00 remaining in the middle period, beating goalie Brian Reese on a power play.

The Warriors rebounded in the final period with a pair of backbreaking goals.

At 14:54, McQueen skated in on goal and beat a helpless

goalie with a quick wrist shot off a great feed from Pritchard. Then, at 4:41, Pritchard scored an unassisted goal to provide the final margin.

McQueen, who has had a sore shoulder, was stood up at center ice early in the third quarter and spent four shifts on the bench. He scored immediately after returning to the ice. "His shoulder suddenly

felt a lot better," said Granite City coach Dave Yurkovich. On Monday, at the Wilson Park Ice Rink, the Warriors beat Hazelwood West 4-1 in another impressive performance.

West scored first, beating Reese on a power play with

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SPORTS

# Pickett has Shootout thriving in 17th year



Steve Porter

Keith Pickett proudly talks about his pride and joy, now a respected teenager drawing nationwide attention.

It's nobody at the Pickett household in Columbia, but something that seems like part of the family.

It's the KMOX/Coca-Cola Shootout, 17 years young and getting stronger each winter. The Shootout, billed as the nation's premier high school basketball event, returns to St. Louis and Kiel Center for a one-day extravaganza on Thursday, Dec. 11. The boys teams from Edwardsville and Gibault, and the Belleville East girls will be among the nine Illinois schools in the 20-team, all-day affair.

"In a sense, it's like a family reunion for me," said Pickett, the Shootout director since 1984. "I see a lot of people that I don't get to see the rest of the year."

The Shootout has a way of touching all basketball types, whether they're from the immediate St. Louis area, regional supporters or national figures making their pilgrimage to the city and Kiel Center.

"Some (staff) people have been doing the same thing for years and years, as far back as 1984," Pickett said. "And they love doing it. The same thing goes for the officials. Dave Phillips has been lining up refs since 1985 and he told me that a lot of guys love to come to St. Louis and work the Shootout."

It's everybody's little brother, so to speak. The Shootout started as a child of fate in 1981, but has developed into this youngster with plenty of muscle, thanks to Pickett and Co. The brainchild has been able to grow, expand and withstand the pains of puberty.

"It was basically a local tournament the first three years," Pickett said. "The biggest thing was to get it off the ground."

Once level, the Shootout decided to take a major step. It went national.

"We wanted to bring in some national teams, such as DeMatha (from Maryland) and Providence St. Mel," Pickett said. "We wanted to see how people would respond to it and they liked it. They got to see special players."

Danny Ferry and Lowell Hamilton were the first in a long line of marquee players. LaPhonso Ellis, Alonzo Mourning, Kevin Garnett, Kenny Anderson, Anfernee "Penny" Hardaway, Glenn Robinson and a host of others of national significance followed in their footsteps. No fewer than 33 former Shootout stars went on to play in the NBA.

The Shootout was slamming into high gear, even if it had to switch sites. Kiel Auditorium was its home for a decade. The old Arena then picked up the ball before the Shootout landed on its feet at the new \$135 million Kiel Center in 1994.

The attendance really jumped when we moved into the Kiel Center, Pickett said. "It was a new place to play and people really liked it. Our attendance, which was roughly 10,000 to 11,000, went up to about 15,000."

Pickett and associates tried a pick-and-roll last year. They experimented with a two-day setup, playing Wednesday night and Thursday.

"We had more (NCAA) Division I players from the St. Louis area than we'd ever had before, so we wanted to get as many teams playing in the Shootout as possible," Pickett said.

This year, it's back to a one-day marathon, starting with an 8 a.m. game and finishing up late that night.

"Many people told us they liked the one-day format better and I can understand that," Pickett said. "They may not be able to make it to the Shootout for two days for whatever reasons. This way, they can block out one day for basketball and see everything."

And when the people arrive at Kiel, they'll

witness prep basketball at its best. Pickett mixes and matches area teams with national ones, but he's wise enough to play the local angle front and center.

"I'd say our ratio of local to national teams has always been about the same — 60 percent local and 40 percent long distance," Pickett said. "Of course, we extend the local side sometimes. We consider Centralia, Taylorville and Lincoln among the local teams this year."

Belleville East, Waterloo, Gibault and Edwardsville are the closer to home ones. East's girls team plays at 8 a.m. followed by the Edwardsville guys (against Ladue of St. Louis) at 9:30 and Gibault versus Bishop Brady of Concord, N.H., at 2 p.m.

It's by design, Pickett said.

"I know that Edwardsville, Ladue and Lafayette are bringing student fans on a bus to the Shootout. It makes for a great experience for the schools and gets the entire community participating."

So Pickett's baby has grown up and everybody wants an opportunity to rock the cradle at the Kiel.

"There's no question some teams lobby to get into the Shootout," he said.

It's a pleasant problem, one Pickett hopes never solves itself, even when the Shootout reaches old age.

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only 44 seconds left in the first period. But the 1-0 lead would not last for long.

Less than two minutes into the second period, a Bobby Harris scorcher off Mike Anglesie assist evened the score at 1-1.

At 11:08, Harris scored again, this time unassisted, for a 2-1 Warriors advantage.

And, just 23 seconds later, Harris, off feeds from Ty Suhre and Pritchard, finished the natural hat trick and Granite City was in command 3-1.

Harris picked up his fourth point of the night at the 8:39 mark, passing to Loftus, who found Suhre open on a power play. Suhre smoked a shot into the corner of the goal for a 4-1 lead.

For the game, Granite City

outshot West 29-17. After a first quarter, in which play was slow and sloppy, the Warriors rebounded to dominate the last two-thirds of the contest.

"We're going OK," said Yurkovich. "We're looking better every game. We're shaping up. We're playing harder and with more discipline. We've quit retaliating and picking up stupid penalties. Our senior team leaders are setting the pace and the younger players are following their example. We've still got some illness and injuries, but we'll take them now if we can have everybody healthy by February."

The undefeated and untied Warriors host powerful Hazelwood Central on Monday at 8:45 p.m. at the Wilson Park Ice Rink.

## Mid-States Club Hockey Association 1997-98 Alignment

NORTH CONFERENCE	
Suburban Central — John Burroughs, Clayton, Ladue, Mary Institute/Country Day School, Lutheran South, Whitfield, Westminster.	
Suburban North — McCluer, McCluer North, Hazelwood East, Hazelwood West, Pattonville, Granite City.	
St. Charles County — Francis Howell North, Francis Howell, Fort Zumwalt North, Fort Zumwalt South, St. Charles West, St. Charles, Wentzville.	
SOUTH CONFERENCE	
Metro — CBC, DeSmet, Chaminade, St. Louis University High, St. Mary's, DuBourg.	
Suburban West — Parkway Central, Parkway West, Parkway North, Parkway South, Marquette, Rockwood Summit, Lafayette.	
Suburban South — Oakville, Kirkwood, Lindbergh, Fox, Webster Grove, Affton, Mehlville.	

## PREP SPORTS STANDINGS

### METRO EAST HOCKEY

Team	Conf	Overall	GF	GA
Granite City	1-0	3-0	21	1
Alton	1-0	3-0	21	1
Collinsville	2-0	2-0	10	9
Belleville West	1-1	2-1	10	11
O'Fallon	0-1	1-1	7	7
Belleville East	0-1	0-1	1	1
Cahokia	0-2	0-2	0	10

### Women's College

Team	Conf	Overall
Granite City	4-0	4-0
BAC	4-1	4-1
St. Louis	0-0	0-0
St. Louis	0-0	0-0
St. Louis	0-0	0-0
St. Louis	0-0	0-0
St. Louis	0-0	0-0
St. Louis	0-0	0-0
St. Louis	0-0	0-0
St. Louis	0-0	0-0

### Boys Hoops Standings

Team	Conf	Overall
Belleville East	0-0	1-0
Alton	0-0	1-0
Granite City	0-0	1-0
St. Louis	0-0	1-0
St. Louis	0-0	1-0
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### Men's College

Team	Conf	Overall
Granite City	4-0	4-0
BAC	4-1	4-1
St. Louis	0-0	0-0
St. Louis	0-0	0-0
St. Louis	0-0	0-0
St. Louis	0-0	0-0
St. Louis	0-0	0-0
St. Louis	0-0	0-0
St. Louis	0-0	0-0
St. Louis	0-0	0-0

### GIRLS HOOPS STANDINGS

Team	Conf	Overall
Granite City	1-0	2-0
Alton	1-0	2-0
Belleville East	1-0	1-1
Collinsville	0-0	1-4
Granite City	0-0	1-4
E. St. Louis	0-1	0-4
Belleville West	0-1	0-3

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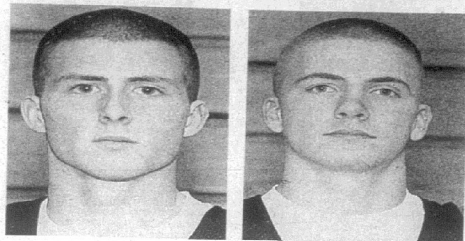
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Chris Tindall (left) and Matt Pistorius scored 12 and 10 points respectively in Granite City's 55-45 victory against Triad. But the frontcourt tandem will be challenged Friday night by the big front line of preseason Southwestern Conference favorite Edwardsville.

## •Warriors

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recruit Jon Harris. Edwardsville's shortest starter stands 6-foot-2, with a front line measuring 6-9, 6-7 and 6-6. But experience and talent more than size are the Tigers' strengths this season.

"It's our biggest game of the year so far," said Van Buskirk of Friday's encounter. "It's their first game, but they've had a chance to scout us six times. It will be a different kind of a challenge for us. It will be our first game contending with a (NCAA) Division I inside player. Our defense will have to step it up and our offense will have to shoot in the fifties from the floor if we want to win."

"Coach (Mike) Waldo will try to deny May and Brewer the ball. He will tell their defenders not to let them touch the ball and will tell his other players to help out. We'll need the rest of our players to step up big. But we have depth. We have a variety of players who can get the job done."

## •Basketball

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before reeling off six straight wins. But the win streak ended against Hillsboro in the state quarterfinals. The Warriors shut down Hillsboro's star Eugene Seymour, but could not contain Chester Gubler, whose game of a lifetime burst the red-and-black in a tight 43-40 contest.

In 1915, Granite City lost 41-20 in the first round at state to tournament favorite Freeport (18-2), led by the terrific trio of Torrey Foy, Oscar Hill and Lon Koehler. The Pretzels, in the most dominant performance to that point in tournament history, proceeded to blow out Carbondale 38-14 in the semifinals and Springfield 27-11 for the title.

The Warriors finished 19-7 in 1915, and were fashioned around a three-man front-line of Charles Watson, Irwin Frohardt and captain Travers Lewis. Lewis, who scored 14 of Granite's 20 points against Freeport, scored 491 of the team's

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961 points on the year — an astounding average of 18.9 an outing on a team that averaged only 36.9 points each game.

When the Warriors went to state in 1916, their fifth visit in six years, it would mark their last visit for 22 years. Fueled by Fred Butler, Edgar Lewis and Charles Watson, Granite City still lacked the fire Central, which swamped the southern Illinois champions 43-22. The Steelmen would come up short the next afternoon against

soon-to-be champion Bloomington, losing 16-11 to the finest defensive team of the era.

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## •Venice

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intensity. The Red Devils started the frame with a 9-0 run, taking a 32-23 lead, and put together another 9-0 run to end the quarter, after Freeburg had pulled within four points. The score was 43-30 heading into the final frame.

Venice eased on to victory from there, hitting 11 of 16 free throws in the last two minutes and 45 seconds.

Backing up Edwards on his phenomenal night were Cole with 17 points and six rebounds, Chatman with 10 points, Willier Turner with seven and LaDwell Collins with six.

Freeburg was paced by

three men in double digits: Bob Tweedy (13 points), Brian Bailey (12) and Andy Diecker (10).

The Midgets equaled the Red Devils' shooting from the floor, as both teams hit the hole at a 46 percent clip, but a 13-3 edge in free throws and a 36-11 difference on the boards carried Venice to the 16 point win.

Freeburg, which already had the Chatham Glenwood Turkey Tournament under its belt, faces Breese Central on Friday.

The J-0 Red Devils are off until Tuesday, when they host Wesclin.

Venice plays a typically strong schedule for the season, facing St. Louis schools Nor-mandy, Beaumont and Gate-

way Tech, as well as Illinois powers East St. Louis Lincoln, Waterloo Gibault and Alton. The Red Devils also play in the Columbia Christmas Tournament and the Sparta Tourney.

"We want to play the top schools to improve our game," Harris said. "That's the only way we can get better."

### BOYS BASKETBALL — TOURNAMENT RESULTS

ALTON RIVER BEND TIP OFF CLASSIC	
Nov. 24	
Cahokia 71, Granite City 57	
Springfield Lanphier 69, Jerseyville 55	
Alton 81, Madison 59	
Nov. 26	
Cahokia 80, Madison 54	
Granite City 52, Springfield Lanphier 43	
Alton 87, Jerseyville 53	
Nov. 28	
Madison 65, Jerseyville 36	
Granite City 57, Alton 44	
Cahokia 66, Springfield Lanphier 56	
Nov. 29	
Granite City 43, Madison 41	
Alton 84, Springfield Lanphier 51	
Cahokia 64, Jerseyville 51	
Madison 58, Springfield Lanphier 53	
Granite City 52, Jerseyville 45	
Alton 79, Cahokia 78	
Final Standings	
Granite City.....4-1	
Cahokia.....4-1	

GALESBURG THANKSGIVING TOURNAMENT	
Nov. 26	
Galesburg 88, East St. Louis 56	
Aurora West defeated Peoria Woodruff	
Nov. 28	
Aurora West 58, East St. Louis 37	
Galesburg 65, Peoria Woodruff 47	
Nov. 29	
Galesburg 55, Aurora West 33	
East St. Louis 53, Peoria Woodruff 51	
Final Standings	
Galesburg.....3-0	
Aurora West.....2-1	
E. St. Louis.....2-2	
Woodruff.....0-3	

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# SOCIETY NEWS

## WEDDING



Jeffery and Kara Praechter

## Andrews — Praechter

Kara Kaye Andrews and Jeffrey Paul Praechter were married Sept. 20, 1997 at City Temple Assembly of God by the Rev. Loretta Hopkins.

The bride is the daughter of Kenneth and Judy Andrews of Granite City. A 1993 graduate of Granite City High School, and is employed at West Travel Ltd. in Chesterfield, Mo. as a travel agent.

The groom is the son of the late Patricia L. Praechter and Mr. and Mrs. Glen Praechter of Barnhart, Mo. A 1995 graduate of Bishop DuBourg Technical School and Randon Technical College in 1997, he is employed by Lighting Associated in St. Louis as a factory representative.

Laura Andres-Mengarelli of Granite City, sister to the bride, was the best woman. The bridesmaid was Kelly Praechter of Barnhart, sister of the groom.

Eric Auterman, friend of the groom, was best man. Groomsman was William Cook of Barnhart, step-brother to the groom.

The flower girl was Maria Mengarelli, niece of the bride. Ushers were Martin Mengarelli, brother-in-law to the bride, and Kevin Cook, step-brother to the groom.

A reception was held at Orlando Gardens in St. Louis. Following a honeymoon, the couple moved to Imperial, Mo.

## ENGAGEMENT

### Parker — Lane

Elizabeth Parker, daughter of James D. and Sharon Parker of Granite City, and Michael Lane, son of Gordon and Sandra Lane of Glen Carbon, have announced their engagement.

Parker is a 1990 graduate of Granite City High School. She received her bachelor's degree in elementary education, and majored in theater and dance, at Southern Illinois University in Edwardsville in 1994. She received her master's in education with an emphasis in reading from SIUE in 1997. She is employed as a fifth-grade teacher at Neidringhaus Elementary School in Granite City.



Elizabeth Parker and Michael Lane

Lane is a 1988 graduate of Granite City High School. He received his bachelor of science and business administration degree in actuarial mathematics from Drake University in 1992. He is currently working toward a master's in business administration through Washington University. He is employed by IMC Global in Chicago.

The couple plan a June 1998 wedding at Holy Family Catholic Church.

## Author recalls local ties to East St. Louis

The Old Six Mile Historical Society held its October meeting at the United Presbyterian Church with President Ruth Jensen presiding. The evening's speaker was author Bill Nunes.

The speaker said he spelled his name as if it would be in Portuguese, but that other families have Americanized the spelling to "Noones." Nunes introduced two friends, Bill Jacobs and Kent Morris, who have at times assisted the speaker in tracking down and verifying information for the books he has written.

The author of three books so far, Nunes, entitled his first book, "Coming of Age in the 1940s and 50s." The fact that we speak of ancient Greece and Rome does not lessen their greatness, and even though Nunes no longer lives in East St. Louis and the changes that have occurred there are tremendous, he said he would not

trade growing up in East St. Louis for anything.

Nunes said that Granite City was founded as a result of East St. Louis. A Capt. James Piggett fought under George Washington and some time after 1792 he received 400 acres of land — the main reason Piggett joined the army. At the same time, Cahokia was the oldest settlement in the Midwest. Piggett's land enabled him to establish a ferry system between Illinois and Missouri. East St. Louis' original buildings were built to support the ferry system, Nunes said.

About 1820 Sam Wiggins bought into the ferry business. Time went by and the ferry business was lucrative to the owners but it handicapped St. Louis businesses wanting to expand eastward. Even though the Eads Bridge was built in

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## BIRTHS

### Courtney Morgan

BRIAN and AMANDA MORGAN of Mitchell have announced the birth of their first child, a daughter.

Courtney Ann Morgan was born at 12:29 a.m. Oct. 23, 1997 at St. Elizabeth Medical Center. She weighed 5 pounds 7 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Carl Byrd of Pontoon Beach. Paternal grandparents are Gary and Linda Morgan of Mitchell.

### Taylor DeBoef

BEN and JANET DEBOEF of Granite City have announced the birth of their first child, a daughter.

Taylor Michelle DeBoef was born at 5:23 p.m. Nov. 6, 1997 at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City. She weighed 8 pounds, 4 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Herbert and Jessie Pharr of Hodges, Ala. Paternal grandparents are LaVerne and Carol Sue DeBoef of New Sharon, Iowa.

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## REGIONAL NEWS

# Holiday shopping off to good start

By Jim Merkel  
Staff writer

Those who went Christmas shopping the weekend after Thanksgiving likely had to wait for a parking space, and children likely had to wait to see Santa Claus.

Big crowds at St. Louis area shopping centers signified a healthy start to the Christmas shopping season, retailers said.

At Crestwood Plaza, the wait showed itself clearly when Santa arrived at his Candyland Home in the Dillard Court at 9 a.m. Nov. 28.

"The wait to see Santa was 45 minutes," said Sean Phillips, director of marketing at Crestwood Plaza.

To reduce the time in line for children, people can sign up ahead and return at the appointed time. When they do return, they can spend a short wait at a table where there are activities for the children, Phillips said.

At South County Center, the wait wasn't nearly as long last weekend because Santa had arrived earlier.

"Our Santa arrival was the week before Thanksgiving," said Fran Percich, director of marketing at South County Center. "At the prime time, it might have been a 15- to 20-minute wait."

However long the wait may be for Santa, stores are reporting improved sales.

"It's going well," Percich said. "We expected increases, and we're getting comment from the stores that they're seeing increases."

Phillips points to a prediction by the International Council of Shopping Centers and various shopping center trade magazines that sales will be up 3 1/2 to 7 percent this season.

Stephen Latz, a retail analyst for A.G. Edwards focusing on department stores and general merchandise, isn't quite as optimistic. But he does predict a good year.

"We think the holiday season will probably be up someplace in the 3 to 3 1/2 percent range versus last year," Latz said. Last year, the improvement was 3 to 3 1/2 percent compared to 1995, he said.

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Director of marketing  
Crestwood Plaza

"We think it's sort of singles and doubles, not home runs," Latz said.

As for hot items, Percich reports the Snore and Sing Ernie is the best selling toy, and that solitaire diamonds are doing well.

"Ready-to-wear sales are doing very well," Percich said.

Although the South County Center parking lot has been crowded, Percich said a shuttle helps people get from their cars to stores.

To cut down on its parking problem, Crestwood Plaza is encouraging employees to park off-site at Grant's Farm and then take a shuttle in.

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At the Target department store at Hampton Avenue and Chippewa Street in south St. Louis, executive team leader Connie Corby said, "I think we're holding our own. Business has been really steady."

Joe Caravella, manager of the J.C. Penney store in Hampton Village, said sales so far aren't as good as was hoped.

"I really can't say it's been better than fair. It's been a little bit below expectations, but it's been fair," Caravella said.

Warm weather may have hurt sales, Caravella said. "We've got all cold weather goods," Caravella said. "It's hard to think about Christmas when it's 60 degrees out."



**Flag Awards** — Above, William R. Feeney, left, chairman of the Sons of the American Revolution Flag Awards committee, presents a plaque to Kenneth Britz of Granite City Nov. 17 at the Madison County Courthouse. The George Rogers Clark Chapter, SAR, conferred certificates upon homeowners and business people for patriotic display of the U.S. flag. At left, Feeney presents an award to Virginia and Louis Zantanello of Wood River. Below, Deborah and Michael Klopfer of Alton receive their award from Feeney.



(Submitted photos)

By Jim Merkel  
Staff writer

While most people don't think about ice skating until the Christmas season and the cold set in, two St. Louis rinks are well into their seasons.

The indoor rink at the Kennedy Recreation Complex, 6050 Wells Road in South County, opened its season Sept. 29. And the outdoor Steinberg Skating Rink in Forest Park started its season Nov. 6.

The managers say the rinks are doing well and are on track to repeat their attendance of last year.

"I think we're going to have a great season if we can get the weather to cooperate with us," said Phyllis Wilcox, co-

manager of the Steinberg rink.

T.J. Zobel, who manages that rink under a contract with the City of St. Louis.

While attendance was good throughout November, the weather caused a dropoff during Thanksgiving weekend.

"It's usually one of our biggest weekends," Wilcox said. "Wednesday and Thursday were great, but Friday and Saturday and Sunday, it rained all the time."

Steinberg Rink will offer ice skating until mid-March. In warmer months, it offers roller skating. Those wanting more information about times or programs may call 361-5103.

Meanwhile, at the Kennedy Recreation Complex, recre-

ation supervisor Daina Skujins-

Kinlen also reported a good start of the 2-month-old season at the indoor rink.

The holidays and the cold weather always makes an increase in the amount of people that come here," Skujins-Kinlen said. There was a good turnout on Thanksgiving weekend, she said.

Among the skating programs and events scheduled at the Kennedy complex is a holiday celebration from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 21.

Admission is free to that event, which will feature solo routines by lesson participants.

Those wanting more information about the skating programs at Kennedy Recreation Complex should call 894-3088.

## St. Louis Winter Wonderland open through Jan. 4

The annual holiday lighting display at Tilles Park in St. Louis is open through Jan. 4.

The display, called Winter Wonderland, is open from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Sunday through Friday except for Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve at the park, McKnight and Lit-

singer roads in Ladue.

Visitors drive along a path with more than 1 million outdoor lights.

Admission is \$6 for family vehicles, \$20 for commercial vans and \$50 for tour buses.

## Holiday (re)past

Jefferson Barracks event recreates 1860s gathering

By Jim Merkel  
Staff writer

When the ordnance keeper who lived at the Laborers Home in Jefferson Barracks in the 1860s decided to serve a Christmas meal, he may have started with wassail, cheese and pate.

Then he may have served cream of potato soup, hearty breads, filet of beef with mushrooms and red wine, seasoned green beans, Mary Lincoln's almond pecan pie and cranberry plum pudding. And he would have served it by candlelight.

The ordnance keeper won't make it, but that menu will when 60 people sit down at the Laborers Home on Dec. 6 for the fourth annual mid-1800s Christmas meal there.

Don't bother calling Jefferson Barracks Park for a reservation. At \$30 apiece, the meal and follow-up candlelight tour of the park has been a sellout for about three months.

"A meal is a production, and it's staged like any other theatrical production," said Suzanne Corbett, a culinary historian who is in charge of the meal.

"What you're having here is an experience, which focus is the food," said Corbett, an Oakville resident. She has specialized in historic foodways interpretation and presentation since 1978. "Food brings everyone together. That's the joys of the table."

To Corbett, such events help make the South County park such a special place for Christmas.

"The Barracks have really gone out of the way to make this site an important part of the holiday," Corbett said.

Another example of this may be the Holiday in the Barracks event planned for

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— Suzanne Corbett  
Culinary historian

9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 13 and 14. A variety of events are planned in and around the historic site.

The first is a candlelight tour of the re-enactors for various wars carried out by the arrival of Father Christmas.

Holiday in the Barracks will offer a chance for those who didn't get their reservations in for the Dec. 6 meal and candlelight tour to have a taste of Corbett's historic-style cooking.

She will prepare holiday pastries on a World War II camp stove in the visitor center all weekend.

While it may seem unorthodox to have fancy old-time food in a park, it actually serves the main purpose at the Jefferson Barracks Historic Site.

"We had done a candlelight tour, just as another way to get people to see the site," said Gina M. Mills, museum educator at the Jefferson Barracks Historic Site. Then Mills and Marc E. Koliba, curator at the Jefferson Barracks Historic Site, got the idea to serve period meal, such as the ordnance keeper at the barracks actually might have served.

The first time, served four years ago, went over beautifully, except for one slight problem.

"We did it in August, and it was dread-

fully hot," Mills said. The next one was in December. "So we're kind of just stuck the last couple of years in doing it in December."

Early December was picked so people could come before they're wrapped up in the Christmas parties and other events of the holiday season.

"It's based on 19th-century traditional menus," Corbett said.

"It's difficult to make it exactly the way it used to be made," she said. Chickens are plumper and meat is more tender, she said. But it will be made in the style, and there will be a true taste of the past, she promised.

To maintain the tone, the staff serving the meal will be in period costumes.

"The timing is critical for this," Corbett said. "I want them to feel as though they're suspended in time."

If she's successful, Corbett said, those eating the meal will sing "Here We Go a Wassailing" when they leave and begin the candlelight tour.

If all that makes a reader hungry to enjoy meals the way they once were served, there's an easy answer, as long as the reader doesn't mind waiting awhile.

That reader can call Jefferson Barracks Park at (314) 544-5714 to get on a waiting list for next year's Christmastime historic meal and candlelight tour. Those who don't want to wait quite so long may call the same number to get on a list for a mid-1800s-style picnic meal planned for early May at the Jefferson Barracks Historic Site.

The best way to be certain of getting the meal is doing what a student in a Corbett's culinary class does.

That student told teacher Corbett not long ago, "I made my reservation in July, and I hope I'm on the list."

## From the heart

Team performs surgery, educates

By Barbara Ponder  
Staff writer

When the Turnages of Bridgeton, Mo., count their blessings this holiday season, no doubt those less fortunate will be on their minds.

Kendra and Sherman Turnage, along with their three children ranging in age from 1 to 5, recently participated in a two-week Cardio-Start medical trip to Nicaragua.

Kendra Turnage said the trip was the first of many such family trips.

"My daughter enjoyed it as much as she enjoyed our trip to Disneyland," said Kendra Turnage, a registered nurse. "It brings us closer as a family because we're helping people together. It's such an experience for my five-year-old, one she wouldn't get from a textbook at school."

The Turnages have begun organizing the St. Louis office of Cardio-Start.

Aubyn Marath, a cardiothoracic surgeon and friend of the Turnages, began the non-profit organization in 1994 to provide cardiac surgery to children in developing nations.

The team operated on 13 patients during the Nicaraguan trip. Most of the patients suffered from valvular heart disease caused by rheumatic fever.

The disease is common in developing nations and stems from untreated severe strep throat infections, said Sherman Turnage, who is board-certified in anesthesiology and critical care medicine.

The Cardio-Start team — consisting of physicians, nurses and technicians — educated as well as operated.

"The only way developing nations develop is if we help them develop their own people and resources," said Sherman Turnage, the director of critical care at St. Louis University.

Kendra Turnage, who is an adjunct faculty member at Maryville University in St. Louis, sometimes had to review basic life support procedures, such as cardiopulmonary resuscitation, with the Nicaraguan nurses.

In some ways the actual medical mission in Nicaragua was the easy part. Preparation for Cardio-Start trips include obtaining governmental approvals, coordinating with hospitals and arranging hotel accommodations.

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